

engine, the at least one retaining flange extending over only a portion of a periphery of the fuel injector.

8. (New) The fuel injector according to claim 7, wherein the at least one retaining flange includes two retaining flanges situated opposite one another.

9. (New) The fuel injector according to claim 8, wherein the retaining flanges are made as separate components and are joined to the nozzle body in one of an integral and a friction-locking manner.

10. (New) The fuel injector according to claim 9, wherein the retaining flanges are welded to the nozzle body.

11. (New) The fuel injector according to claim 8, wherein each of the retaining flanges is made in one piece with the nozzle body.

12. (New) The fuel injector according to claim 8, wherein each of the retaining flanges covers an angular range of about 45° in a peripheral direction.

Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment cancels without prejudice original claims 1-6 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE01/02711, and adds without prejudice new claims 7-12. The new claims conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), the Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without the claims) contains no new matter. The amendments reflected in the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) are to conform the Specification and Abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules or to correct informalities. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3)(iii) and § 1.125(b)(2), a Marked Up Version Of The Substitute Specification comparing the Specification of record and the Substitute Specification also accompanies this Preliminary Amendment. Approval and entry of the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) is respectfully requested.